in rural areas in order to provide employment opportunities in the rural area itself. As on 31.3.2000, KVIC generated 12.35 lakhs employment under Khadi and 46.88 lakhs employment under Village Industries. This achievement has considerably helped to reduce the migration of rural people to urban areas.

Competition among Industries

† 4540. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any automatic policy to boost competition among the industries;

(b) if so, whether the said policy has since been implemented;

(c) the number of suggestions submitted to Government before finalisation of the said policy; and

(d) the number of suggestions out of them which have been accepted /included in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Abid Hussain Committee

† 4541. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Abid Hussain Committee on Small Scale Industries;

(b) the number of the recommendations yet to be implemented;

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government propose to derescrve some more items in small scale sector; and

(d) if so, the rationale behind such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Major recommendations of the Abid Hussain Committee, *inter alia* include enactment of a separate law for small enterprises, inclusion of service enterprises in the SSI fold, enhancement of investment limit for SSI units, promotion of technology development, further streamlining of the credit delivery systems and de-reservation of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small sector. The recommendations have been broadly accepted barring a few such as, enhancement of investment limit to Rs. 30 million and abolition of SSI reservation.

(c) and (d) The issue of reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the SSI Sector is examined on a continual basis by the Advisory Committee on Reservation, which has been specifically constituted for this purpose under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. Addition /deletion /change in nomenclature of items in the reservation list is made from time to time based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

KVIC projects for manufacturing blo-fertlllzers

4542. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the KVIC proposes to launch projects for manufacturing of bio-fertilizers and bio-medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated foreign exchange to be saved from these projects in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) In order to